



TORNADOS SWEEP OVER KANSAS

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE

Town of Stafford Visited By Wind Storm of Great Violence--Several Injured--Houses and Churches are Destroyed.

SOUTHWEST STORM STRIKES BUSINESS SECTION

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IS DEMOLISHED--SEVEN HOUSES ARE COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN TOWN OF STAFFORD--ANOTHER TORNADO STRIKE S BUSHTON, BLOWING DOWN MANY BUILDINGS.

WICHITA, Kans., April 12.—A special to the Eagle says a tornado struck Stafford this evening. Several were injured, seven houses and a church completely destroyed and several other buildings were damaged.

The storm came from the southwest passing over the business portion without damage. The first struck two blocks east of main street demolishing a house and the parsonage of the Congregational church. The Quaker church was blown down, the debris falling on a third house which was also destroyed. Mrs. Gleisburg saw the storm coming and ran into a yard to rescue a child but before she reached him she was picked up and hurled against a telephone pole and seriously injured. The child was unhurt. The storm then lifted, but struck again in the northeast part of the town, demolishing several houses and damaging several others.

Four miles west of Stafford another tornado blew down several farm buildings and seriously injured one man who had sought shelter in a granary filled with wheat. The sun shone brightly while the storms were wreaking their havoc.

Another tornado is reported at Bush-ton thirty miles south of Stafford. Several residences and other buildings were blown down. No one was seriously injured. The wires are down and little information is obtainable from Bush-ton.

Seven Tornadoes.

TOPEKA, April 12.—At least seven tornadoes were seen east and northeast of Great Bend, Barton county this afternoon. No damage other than the demolishing of a vacant school house and the destruction of a threshing outfit, is reported.

RAINIER SMOKES ALSO.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 12.—A letter received here today from Jack Campbell, who is guarding coal claims for Yakima people at the eastern base of Mount Rainier, says the mountain has been smoking since Tuesday night and that on Wednesday it belched ashes and cinders. The summit has been shrouded in clouds, but on Tuesday morning muttered rumbling was heard by Mt. Campbell. It was not till Wednesday morning, however, that he paid any attention to the noise, when a wind brought cinders and ashes from the mountain peak to the locality where he was working.

CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

Yaqui Indians Are Better Controlled Than Formerly.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—D. E. Thompson, the American ambassador in Mexico, has advised the State Department that conditions in the Yaqui Indian territory in Mexico are improving but it is still unsafe for persons to go there without military escort. The dispatch stated that the Mexican Minis-

BENEFIT FOR ELLEN TERRY.

LONDON, April 12.—The movement for the fund to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ellen Terry's connection with the stage is growing slowly. The Tribune, which originated the fund has appealed to the other British newspapers to assist the collection.

The letter of invitation concludes as follows:

"Without impertinent intrusion into Miss Terry's privacy we may be permitted to say that it is our desire to use the funds for the purpose of placing Miss Terry beyond any future anxiety regarding her comfort."

INSURANCE BILLS PASSED BY NEW YORK ASSEMBLY

ALBANY, April 12.—Four of the bills recommended by the legislative investigating committee were passed by both houses of the legislature today and tomorrow will be transmitted to the governor for his signature. In addition, a bill generally amending the insurance law passed the assembly and was sent to the Senate for concurrence. The latter body made the bill special

order for next Wednesday. The four bills passed today are the so called anti-Lobby Bill, a bill more effectively penalizing the falsification of records of a corporation by an officer or an employee a bill prohibiting campaign contributions, and a bill qualifying any policy holder to become a director in the stock of a life insurance company whether he holds stock or not.

ENTER PROTEST.

Shippers Enter Determined Protest Against Freight Rate Discrimination.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Through the Denver Commercial Club the shippers of that city have made a determined protest against alleged discriminations in freight rates. A committee of Denver shippers met yesterday with traffic executives of Western roads and the Western rate fabric was discussed. The Denver men declare that if relief is not afforded them they will go to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the courts. In general the complaint is that the Missouri river jobbers can get goods from Chicago and ship them through Denver to Salt Lake and to points west or northwest at a cheaper combination of rates than Denver can ship to the same points.

BASEBALL SCORES.

FRESNO, April 12.—Portland 2, Fresno 13.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—San Francisco 2, Seattle 1.

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—Los Angeles 4, Oakland 3.

RAILROADS CLASH DOWIE WILL FIGHT

Hill Men Throw Dynamite At Harriman Forces.

MEN ARE PUT TO FLIGHT

Fight Between the Portland & Seattle Railroad and the Columbia Valley Line Results in Open Warfare Yesterday.

PORTLAND, April 12.—The Hill and Harriman construction gangs at Carson Washington on the North Bank of the Columbia collided at noon yesterday when dynamite was freely used to drive the Columbia Valley graders off the land belonging to the Harriman road. One laborer was hit by a flying rock but only slightly injured. A lighter stick of dynamite was also thrown among the Columbia Valley graders, but the men took to their heels and escaped injury. Finally a deputy sheriff was summoned and warned the Hill construction gang to desist from further demonstrations. The situation was serious last night and further clashes at feared.

Members of the Columbia Valley crew assert the blasts of dynamite were deliberately laid with the intention of injuring their men, and were not fired for the purpose of frightening them merely. This they state is shown by the fact that two mines of dynamite were laid during the noon hour upon the spot where the Columbia Valley crews were at work.

The Columbia Valley people assert the blasts were not set upon the grade being established by the Portland and Seattle railroad company's contractors, but upon the very spot where the Columbia Valley crews will resume operations.

The Portland and Seattle crews are said to have outnumbered the opposition four to one.

INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The War Department has ordered General Williams at Vancouver to send a reliable officer to investigate the conditions of the Unatilla Reservation, and if grounds warrant to order one or more troops of cavalry to go there from Fort Walla Walla.

PROSPECTS NOT BRIGHT.

Miners Submit to Operators Two Proposals and Both Will be Rejected.

NEW YORK, April 12.—At a meeting of the sub-committee of anthracite operators and miners today the mine-workers submitted to the owners the choice of two propositions in an endeavor to come to an amicable settlement and the operators made an informal reply in which it was intimated they are not likely to accept either of the wage-workers offers. The operators will make an official answer to the miners by letter and there will be no further meetings unless something develops.

The meeting today did not bring the contending parties closer together. If the operators decline to entertain either proposition submitted by the miners today it is probable a convention of miners will be called at which the delegates will declare a strike exists. Briefly stated the offer made by Mitchell today was a resubmission of the miners original demands with two additional amendments, and in case they are not accepted he promises that the whole be placed before the strike commission.

"First Apostle" Will not Flee to Mexico.

TO WAGE VIGOROUS WARFARE

Elijah Authorizes Statement That He Will Take Legal Steps to Regain Zion—Opposing Attorneys Hold Conference.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Dr. Dowie did not turn tail and flee to Mexico. He will wage vigorous legal warfare to regain control of Zion, and as soon as he considers he has taken the proper preliminary steps will descend upon that place and proclaim himself the only "First Apostle."

This statement is authorized by Dr. Dowie and the firm of lawyers which represents him.

Attorney, Haley of Edison, Haley and Wetton, who represent Dowie stated that they would advance only on one condition the restoration of power both temporary and ecclesiastical, and demand the absolute retraction of the slanderous statements made by Voliva and his followers. He added a bill in chancery is being prepared petitioning the nullifying of the transfers between Voliva and Granger, because the instruments are absolutely void.

Attorneys Hold Conferences.

Despite these assertions, the attorneys of both factions held numerous conferences throughout the day. The attorneys for Dowie have secured an order from the postoffice department directing that all mail addressed to Dowie be delivered at his apartments in the Auditorium Annex. This they consider a very important strategic move, as a majority of the letters are from members of the churches remitting tithes. This they claim checkmates the order sent out by Voliva ordering that no money be remitted to Dowie hereafter.

FORAKER SPEAKS.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—A brief speech by Latimer in the Senate today in support of the railroad rate bill, and Foraker took floor on that measure and consumed practically all the remainder of the day's session. Foraker spoke against the constitutionality of the bill, from various points of view. He was frequently interrupted.

VESUVIUS QUIETS DOWN AFTER AWFUL ERUPTION

Conditions Around Volcano Beyond Description Ground Covered Feet Deep With Volcanic Ejecta Hundreds of Dead Being Taken From Ruins,

SKY PRESENTS BEAUTIFUL SCENIC EFFECTS

HEAVENS CHANGE FROM HOUR TO HOUR NOW SKY IS LEADEN, AND NOW CHOCOLATE COLORED--MEN AND WOMEN MOVE ABOUT, ASH-COVERED, LIKE GRAY GHOSTS--DEAD AT OTTAJANO NUMBER 550.

NAPLES, April 12.—While the news from Mount Vesuvius today is reassuring, conditions are such in Naples as to make it difficult to realize that conditions are actually better.

A wind is blowing from the volcano toward Naples carrying the ashes in this direction. Toward evening the fall of ashes and cinders was worse than at anytime since the eruption began. The scenic effects vary from hour to hour. Now the sky is chocolate colored, and now leaden. Under this men and women with hair and clothing covered with ashes move about like gray ghosts.

Beautiful Scenic Effects.

The fortress of San Martino, as it lowers above the town, can just be seen while Castello Dell'Ovo is bodily marked in the light, seemingly like silver against a brown sky.

To the south beyond the smoke zone lies smiling sunny Posilipo, while far away glimmers the sea, on which the islands seem to float in the glow of the setting sun.

Adding to the strange picture, a French man of war is anchored so as to be half in the glow and half obscured by the falling ashes.

From the observatory of Mount Vesuvius where director Matteucci is continuing his work in behalf of science and humanity the scene is one of great impressiveness. To reach the observatory, one must walk for miles over hardened, but hot lava covered with

sand until he comes to a point where can be seen nothing but sand. Above the heavens, gray like the earth beneath and seemingly as hard and immovable. In all this dreary waste, there is no sign of life or vegetation and no sound save the mutterings of the volcano.

Silence is Awful.

One seems almost impelled to scream aloud, to break the horrible stillness of a land seemingly forgotten by both God and man. Every day that passes gives new evidence of the magnitude of the catastrophe. Today's visit of King Victor Emmanuel to Ottajano revealed new tragedies. At a certain point his majesty was obliged to abandon his motor car and went forward on horse back, his hours floundering through four feet of ashes, stumbling into holes, blinded by the fall of large cinders and a target for falling basaltic masses. In the presence of the king 129 more bodies were excavated from the ruins. The dead at Ottajano are said to number 550.

Many Robberies.

There have been a large number of robberies of the deserted houses despite the efforts of the authorities to protect property. In the excited condition of the populace there is some difficulty at preserving order. Closing the church at Torre Annunziata, which was considered unsafe precipitated a small riot.

BEATEN AND ROBBED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Charles Carlson a well known racing man was called to the door of his room on the Ashworth Hotel this morning by three masked men who beat him to insensibility and robbed him of \$500 and a \$60 watch. The robbers escaped.

SEATS ENDANGERED.

MOSCOW, April 12.—The seats in parliament of Wm. Petrunkevitch, Rodicheff and Kuzmin-Karavaleff, the

three most important leaders of the Constitutional Democrats, are endangered by a protest which has been filed by the Mayor of Rzhnev seeking to invalidate the elections in the province of Tver.

Inspired by the strength shown by the radical movement, the Octoberists have decided to re-name their party the "Russian Liberal Party," and to include in its programme more liberal planks on the labor and agrarian questions and the autonomy of nationalists for the consistent unity of the empire.

HOUSE HEARS DEFENCE OF RATE BILL BY COCKRAN

WASHINGTON, April 12.—In view of the announcement that Cockran of New York, would speak in the house today the galleries were crowded and a large proportion of the members of the house were in attendance. Cockran briefly discussed the fiction of "general debate" and then launched into a defense of the Hepburn rate bill and the higher position taken by the house

not only in an exceptional character of legislation, but in the dignified way in which the bill had passed the lower branch of congress. In this connection he ridiculed the constitutional debaters in the senate.

Considerable progress was made on the postoffice bill, 18 of the 29 pages having been completed. But few amendments were made.